

HOME EDITION

SATURDAY EVENING.

TOPEKA, KANSAS, DECEMBER 5, 1914.

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TWO CENTS

MAKE IT 150,000
BARRELS NOWKansas Raises Her Promise to
Belgian Relief.Meanwhile the State Will Try
to Reach 100,000 Goal.

WORKING UNITS IN ALL TOWNS

University Extension Division
Made Great Strides.Further Word From Suffering
Belgians Comes to Topeka.

SECOND APPEAL FROM STATE

Relief Committee Issues Strong
Statement Today.Urge Every Means to Fulfill
First Promises.

To fulfill the pledge that Kansas would start 50,000 barrels of flour to the starving Belgians by December 11—one month from the day the relief movement began in this state—the executive committee issues its second appeal.

The necessity for this action grows out of the startling information gathered by the Rockefeller Foundation, by noted travelers and by newspaper writers of international repute. All such inquiries and reports show that conditions are even worse in Belgium than have been described and that 30,000 tons of food in addition to cargoes already assured must be provided this month if the millions of homeless and starving people in that country are to have enough provisions merely to sustain life. Every day's developments emphasize the importance of having the Kansas contributions hurried forward.

County committees should appeal to every element in their territory. They should urge ministers and merchants and mail-carriers, bankers and doctors, and men and women generally of every degree to exert themselves to the greatest extent during the next ten days so that Kansas may fill its ship and start it at the earliest possible date.

W. R. STUBBS, Chairman.
CHARLES DILLON, Secretary.

The Belgian relief committee's earnest appeal to the people of Kansas, issued today, is a plea for aid. Part of it appears above. Other sections of it follow:

Belgium cannot buy food. There is none to buy. Many cannot supply it as some believe it should do. It needs all it has for its own people. England, which is unable to send food to the Belgians, is giving \$750,000 a month in actual money. Holland is sheltering and feeding thousands. Every Belgian able to buy food from the American commission is paying for it, and the money will be used to relieve those who are destitute.

What will Kansas do in this tragic crisis? In the name of common humanity, with the blessings of peace and plenty everywhere, what record will Kansas make? Will it give enough from its marvelous prosperity of 1914 to fill the Kansas ship and get it started by December 20? Will Kansas answer a plea for aid that it has made? Will it give as much as the life of a child?

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BERLIN IS OPTIMISTIC

Reports Favorable Conditions on All
Fields of Operation.

Berlin, Dec. 5.—Progress of German forces in the west is reported in an official statement given out this afternoon at the army headquarters. The statement follows:

"French attacks yesterday in Flanders and to the south of Metz were repulsed. We made progress at La Bassée in the forest of the Argonne and in the region southwest of Arras.

"In the fighting to the east of the Mazurian lakes, the situation is favorable for us, and in minor operations there we took 1,200 prisoners.

"Our operations in Poland are taking a normal course.

"The Corriere del Terra estimates that the losses among the French troops amount to at least fifty per cent of those engaged in the war and that losses of even greater proportions have been suffered by the territorials.

FORTRESS CROWDED.

Kieff Holds 130,000 Austrian and German Prisoners.

London, Dec. 5.—Ten thousand Austrian and German troops arrived at the Russian fortress of Kieff on Wednesday of this week. Reports from Petrograd received here today state that 130,000 Austro-German soldiers and 2,500 officers were made prisoners by the Russians and have passed through Kieff since the war began. The fortress is declared to be crowded to its utmost capacity with Austrians and Germans taken during the operations in Galicia and southern Poland.

FOOTBALL TODAY.

At Atlanta, Ga.—Score end of first half: Carlisle 0; Auburn 0.
At St. Louis—First half: Rolla 14; C. B. C. 0.

LIVE OVER AGAIN

Topeka Pioneers Celebrate
City's 60th Anniversary."Experience Meeting" of 500
Old Settlers Held Today.

WHERE IS THE LOST LOOT?

One Man From Illinois Told of
a Raid in 1856.And Several Topekans Shifted
Uneasily in Chairs.

Although twenty of Shawnee county's pioneers have crossed the great divide in the last year, yet the meeting of the Old Settlers' association, held today in the First Presbyterian church, is probably the most successful session the society has held. As time passes and the ranks are thinned the old timers are drawn more closely together.

The session today was delightfully informal and a good deal of a hybrid between an experience meeting and a debating on local historical subjects.

"Here is a gentleman who says that General Sherman never lived in a shanty house and I believe he lived in that shanty," someone volunteered.

"Yes, he lived in that shanty. It was a log house first and afterwards he boarded it up," said one man authoritatively and to clinch the argument, added, "I am the boy who drove the cattle while General Sherman held the breaking plow."

The foregoing is a sample of the things which make meetings of the Old Settlers' association unique and interesting.

Unpublished History.

There was much unpublished history of John Brown recounted at today's meeting. A number of interesting letters were read from persons unable to be present. Among these was one from C. W. Keeler, who now lives in Danville, Ill. He told of a raid which he and a number of other free-state men made on some stores in Tecumseh and Indianola in which a great deal of valuable loot was carried away. He said in his letter that

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BATTLE GOES ON

Desperate Fighting Continues
In Russian Poland.Report of Victory at Lodz Was
Premature.

Petrograd, Dec. 5.—Desperate fighting is still in progress in Poland. The Russian official statement issued today and covering operations of December 3, does not mention a victory at Lodz such as was claimed yesterday by the Bourne Gazette. The statement declares:

"On the left bank of the Vistula there was obstinate fighting on December 3; also along the Gdansk-Lodz front and on the western road toward Lodz and Piotrkow."

"On the northern and southern fronts the situation is unchanged."

TOPEKA'S HISTORY IN BRIEF

Topeka, capital city of Kansas, is sixty years old today, December 5, 1854. The town company was organized by Col. Cyrus K. Holliday, F. W. Enoch Chase, J. H. Chase, M. C. Dick, C. Robinson and L. G. Cleveland. The town was named Topeka-oke, meaning "a good place to dig potatoes."

At the close of the year of 1854 there were about 25 people living on the new town site.

A military company called the "Topeka Guard" was organized in the spring of 1855 under the command of Daniel Horne. In November the company, one hundred men, was called to the defense of Lawrence, leaving but one armed bodied man in Topeka.

From the first Topeka was a temperance town. On July 4, 1855, a newspaper, the Kansas Freeman, was held and organized into a committee which destroyed all liquor in the town and vicinity.

On July 4, 1855, Topeka's first newspaper, the Kansas Freeman, was published.

The first child born in the town was "Topeka Zimmerman."

Topeka was designated the temporary capital of the state at the first free-state legislature which opened on March 4, 1856, in Constitution hall.

Topeka was incorporated as a city February 4, 1857. It contained 320 acres. The population was 600.

It was designated county seat of Shawnee county in 1858 and was named temporary capital of the state in 1859 by the Wyandotte constitution.

In 1863 a temporary capitol building was erected on the west side of Kansas avenue between Fourth and Fifth streets. In 1865 the town association donated 20 acres of ground on which a capitol building might be erected.

In January, 1866, the Union Pacific railway was built into Topeka and the Santa Fe was begun in 1868.

In 1872 Topeka entertained a royal guest, Grand Duke Alexis of Russia.

The sale of liquor was prohibited in 1880. For the first twenty years the law was not rigidly enforced. In 1901 a new era of law enforcement was introduced.

In 1888 there were 3,000 buildings erected in the city at a cost of \$3,000,000.

The greatest disaster of the town was the 1903 flood. The property loss was \$2,250,000. Twenty-nine lives were lost.

Topeka now has 50,000 people, more than 400 manufacturing plants, four railroads, more than 65 miles of paved streets, and hundreds of other advantages in keeping with a capital city of a great state.

WANT NEW LAWS

Kansas Stockmen Will Lay
Plans for the Legislature.Enactment of Shipping, Sanitation
and Yards Rules.

HOLD A BIG STATE MEETING

Members of Both House and
Senate Asked to Attend.Chief of Bureau of Animal Industry
May Be Guest.

Kansas stockmen will lay plans for a legislative campaign for the enactment of shipping, sanitation and stock yards laws at their annual meeting to be held in Wichita, January 6 and 7. Plans for the meeting were virtually completed today by W. J. Tod of Maple Hill, president and Joe Mercer, secretary of the state live stock association.

A number of stock raisers will serve in the state legislature during the coming sessions and members of the Kansas live stock association do not anticipate unfriendly enactments at the

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BERLIN IS UNEASY

Germany Fears That Italy Will
Join the Allies.Heavy Fighting Has Been Re-
sumed in Alsace.

FEAT OF DESPERATE VALOR

Kaiser's Army That Was
Hemmed In by MuscovitesCut Its Way With Bayonets 15
Miles to Freedom.

London, Dec. 5.—Italy's attitude in the European war has again become a source of concern. In view of Premier Salandra's declaration that his country was in no way bound to fight with Germany and Austria and the intimation that if her loyalty to treaty obligations were questioned further, she would disclose the text of the triple alliance agreement.

The German government's appointment of Prince Von Buelow, former chancellor, as temporary head of the embassy at Rome, is interpreted by Rome dispatches as meaning that Berlin would exert strong pressure to pre-

HOME IS IN SIGHT

It looks as though Shawnee county might have to thank Mary Turner for a Detention home. James C. Shimer, chairman of the board of county commissioners and an official of many years experience in dealing with the troublesome problem of caring for county wards, today declared himself in favor of seriously tackling the Detention Home problem.

Roosevelt

ON MEXICO

War Entered Upon With No
Adequate Object.Abandoned Without Any
Achievement.

SAYS FORMER PRESIDENT

Who Scores the National Ad-
ministration andCites Tales of Almost Unbe-
lievable Charges and Horrors.

An astonishing proof of the readiness of many persons to pay heed exclusively to words and not at all to deeds is supplied by the statement of the defenders of this administration that President Wilson has "kept us out of war with Mexico" and has "avoided interference in Mexico." These are the words. The deeds have been: first, an unbroken course of more or less futile meddling in the internal affairs of Mexico carried to a pitch which imposes on this nation a grave responsibility for the wrong doing of the victorious faction; second, the plunging of this country into what was really a futile and inglorious little war with Mexico, a war entered into with no adequate object and abandoned without the achievement of any object whatever, adequate or inadequate.

Were at War With Mexico.

To say that we did not go to war with Mexico is a mere play upon words. A quarter of the war of history have been entered into and carried through

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SOLONS INDICTED

Indiana Legislative Leaders Ac-
cused of Misappropriations.Lieutenant Governor and Sec-
retary of State Implicated.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 5.—Large sums of money were unlawfully drawn out of the treasury of Indiana during the session of the 1913 legislature, according to the report made late Friday night by the Marion county grand jury, which indicted Lieut. Governor William P. O'Neill, Homer Cook, secretary of state and eleven others connected with the legislature of 1913 for the alleged signing or presentation of false claims which were paid out of the legislative funds. The report continues:

"The total amount due the 150 members of the legislature for their per diem and mileage was \$60,903.60. The total money drawn from the treasury as expenses of the legislature was \$160,000 making \$100,000 of expense outside the pay of members of bodies for their services."

Lobbying Condemned.

"The evidence in this investigation also discloses a situation that calls aloud for penal legislation upon the subject of what is called 'lobbying' about the legislature. It shows that men of great political influence, on account of their position in some instances, and their relation to party organization, do not hesitate to demand and receive large sums of money, amounting to thousands of dollars, to influence and control legislation of the state."

"Men of different political parties under so-called employment from the same employer demand and receive large sums of money for their efforts to control or influence legislation upon public bills. Such conduct is inimical to the very foundation of Republican form of government and ought to be prevented by severe legislation so far as legislation can affect it."

BEE KEEPERS GONE.

Annual Meeting of State Association
Closed This Afternoon.

The twelfth annual meeting of the Kansas State Bee Keepers' association, which was well attended Friday and Saturday, came to a close this afternoon. Officers were elected. They are: President, O. S. Kistler, Topeka; secretary, Charles S. Kistler, Topeka; treasurer, Wayland Dunham, Topeka; and assistant secretary, W. L. Riddon, Topeka.

A feature of the meeting was a "honey" dinner held Friday evening at 300 Quincy street. Mrs. E. W. Dunham of Topeka gave a recitation, "Telling the Bees to Sleep." Dr. G. Bohrer of Chase, Kan., spoke on "Dr. G. Bohrer of Chase, Kan., spoke on 'Dr. G. Bohrer of Chase, Kan., spoke on 'Dr. G. Boh